GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TERRORIST ACTIVITES IN NE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news regarding terror economy hurts North East appeared in The Hindustan Times dated October 23, 2006;

(b) If so, the facts and the reaction of the Government thereto:

(c) Whether according to study conducted by institute for conflict management the majority of funds available to the Government of Assam for rural development are siphoned off by ULFA cadres;

(d) If so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) The corrective measures taken or likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (e): Some reports indicate that various insurgent outfits in the North-East are engaged in extortion activities. The outfits have established well-knit networks for such collection. Government have taken a number of steps to check the menace of extortion which, interalia, includes payment of salaries by cheques, larger labour component for development projects, strengthening of security on the National Highways and major roads, and execution of large projects by established organizations.